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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Scott Russell  
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For : **RELEASABLE AND RETRIEVABLE VASCULAR FILTER SYSTEM**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.143**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2004 setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-27 and 34-36 and Species 1.